

# **Washington Summit on Alcohol & Other Drug Issues**

***September 8-9, 2005  
Tacoma, WA***

## **To our colleagues:**

We hope that you or your designee will accept this invitation to participate in the Washington Summit on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues. This important event will take place **September 8-9, 2005** in **Tacoma** at the **Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center**. The National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL) joins us and a growing array of partners from Washington in hosting the Summit. Washington will be the 23rd state to hold a statewide Summit with the NAMSDL. Invitees include elected officials, addiction treatment professionals, law enforcement officers, youth, state agency officials, community coalition members, prosecutors, college/university staff and students, judges, prevention professionals, members of the recovering community, parents, and others invested in these issues.

The goal of the Washington Summit is for you and other invited participants to develop recommendations and action plans toward enhancing and expanding Washington's efforts to address alcohol and other drug-related problems. Past state summits have each resulted in 100 or more short and long-term recommendations and action steps related to legislation, policy, programmatic concerns, application issues, coordination, collaboration, and use of resources.

To consider existing work and to develop recommendations and corresponding action plans for moving forward, you will be an active participant in a facilitated, hands-on working group. The Washington Summit on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues will feature seven working groups meeting concurrently to examine these facets of WA's efforts. The enclosed draft agenda and registration form list the seven working groups featured at the WA Summit and offers an explanation of the working groups and Summit process. This is a remarkable opportunity for you and your colleagues from a variety of disciplines to offer your observations, experiences, guidance, and commitment to alcohol and other drug issues to state and national decision makers. Recommendations and action plans will be captured in the report that NAMSDL will prepare and distribute after the WA Summit.

We anticipate 200-250 participants for this invitational event. There is no registration fee to participate in the Summit. An overview of NAMSDL, a draft Summit agenda, event registration form, and a sheet of frequently asked questions are enclosed for your reference. If you will be traveling to Tacoma from outside of the area, a list of hotels and rate information is also enclosed, prepared by the Washington Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

With your help, Washington can continue and enhance its leadership and effectiveness in the fight to reduce the devastating consequences of drug and alcohol abuse. I hope that you will be part of this effort by joining us in Tacoma!

***The WA Summit on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues is presented by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws in partnership with a variety of offices, agencies, and organizations in Washington. A current list of Summit partners appears in the enclosed draft agenda for the event.***

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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**DAY 1 - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

**7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.      Check-in for Confirmed Participants**  
(A continental breakfast will be provided during this time.)

**8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.      Opening of the Washington Summit**

Sherry L. Green, Executive Director  
National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

Kevin Smith (IA)  
Community Prevention Liaison Officer  
Iowa Department of Public Health

**Welcoming Remarks**

*To be announced*

**Overview of Summit Goals**

Amy Powell, Deputy Director  
National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

**9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.      BREAK**

Summit participants move to their working groups.

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**WA Summit Working Groups****EXPLANATION OF WORKING GROUPS**

The working groups offered at state summits conducted by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL) reflect the categories of the model laws crafted by our predecessor, the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws, and revised as needed by our Board of Directors. While the model laws are presented as a menu of options, these categories also serve to organize the needs assessment, discussion, crafting of recommendations, and action planning that occur in each of the summit's working groups. However, the working groups' categories are also necessarily broad in scope to allow participants to raise new concerns, related issues, and often previously unaired issues without being stifled by a narrowly titled working group.

Working groups are facilitated by NAMSDL team members. These facilitators do not come into the working group with a preformed agenda of issues to cover. The charge of our facilitators is to guide participants through a five-step facilitated process, including an overview of the relevant model drug laws and related statutes from other states, that leads to a set of recommendations and action steps from each working group. The five steps are: 1) acknowledging the state's **strengths and assets** in addressing drugs and alcohol, 2) determining the **gaps** that exist in current efforts to address these issues, 3) discussing the **problems** that occur as a result of these gaps, 4) formulating **recommendations** for the state to address these issues, and finally 5) developing plans for **action and implementation** of the recommendations. Within each working group, participants raise the issues and concerns that they want to address through this facilitated process.

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| <b>Working Group 1</b>         | Community Activism - Defining Common Concerns - Action Steps to Free Neighborhoods from Drugs, Alcohol and Violence  |
| <b>Working Group 2</b>         | Methamphetamine - Drug Endangered Children, Precursor Chemicals, Cleanup and Remediation of Labs: Addressing the Issues through Laws, Policies, and Programs |
| <b>Working Group 3</b>         | A Continuum of Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services:<br>Access to Addiction Treatment in the Public and Private Sectors                                       |
| <b>Working Group 4</b>         | Safer and More Cost Effective Public and Private Workplaces:<br>Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse   |
| <b>Working Group 5</b>         | Opportunities for Education, Prevention and Intervention Services:<br>Focus on Elementary, Junior High, and High School                                      |
| <b>Working Group 6</b>         | Addressing Underage Access to Alcohol and Tobacco, Underage Drinking, and Related Issues   |
| <b>Working Group 7</b>         | Truants, Gangs, Children Out of School, and Youth in the Criminal Justice System   |
| <b>12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b> | <b>BREAK</b>   |

**12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Luncheon Program (All attendees)**

**12:30p.m. – 1:00p.m. Lunch served**

**1:00p.m. – 1:45p.m. *Featured Speaker:***

- The Honorable Rob McKenna (*invited*)  
Attorney General

**1:45p.m. – 2:30p.m. Perspectives on Addiction**

- Robert Charles (*invited*)  
President, The Charles Group, LLC  
Former Undersecretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and  
Law Enforcement Affairs, U. S. Department of States
- Deborah Beck (*invited*)  
President, Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of  
Pennsylvania  
Co-Founder, Board member, National Alliance for Model State  
Drug Laws

**2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. BREAK**

**2:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Working Groups Resume**

**DAY 2 - FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2005**

**8:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. Participants Check-in to Working Groups**  
(A continental breakfast will be provided during this time.)

**9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Working Groups Finalize Recommendations**

**11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. BREAK**

**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Working Lunch Program (All attendees)**

***Featuring:***

- Scott Burns (*invited*)  
Deputy Director, Office of State and Local Affairs  
Office of National Drug Control Policy  
Executive Office of the President

**1:00 p. m. – 3:00 p. m.      Working Groups Report Final Recommendations and Action Plans  
(All attendees)**

- Representatives from each Summit Working Group present recommendations and action plans developed during the Summit
- **Closing Remarks**

Sherry Green, Executive Director  
National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws

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Washington Governor's Council on Substance Abuse  
Office of the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Washington  
Attorney General of Washington  
Washington State Methamphetamine Initiative  
Washington Association of Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention  
Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Ministerial Alliance  
All Apostolic Clergy Advisory Council  
Drug Free Business - Washington  
Washington State Patrol  
Community Mobilization Against Substance Abuse & Violence  
Washington State Association of Drug Court Professionals  
Family Policy Council  
Washington Defender Association  
Washington Traffic Safety Commission  
Washington State Association of Counties  
Washington State Department of Social & Health Services, Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse  
MADD of Washington  
Washington State Department of Community, Trade, & Economic Development  
Alliance for Recovery  
Puget Sound Labor Agency, AFL-CIO  
Washington National Guard Counterdrug Program  
Drug Enforcement Administration – Seattle Field Division

Association of Washington Cities *(invited)*  
Society of Addiction Medicine *(invited)*  
Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs *(invited)*  
Washington State Association of Prosecuting Attorneys *(invited)*  
Washington State Bar Association *(invited)*  
Washington State Department of Corrections *(invited)*  
Washington State Department of Health *(invited)*  
Washington State Liquor Control Board *(invited)*  
Women's Coalition on Substance Abuse Issues *(invited)*

# STATE MODEL DRUG LAWS SUMMITS

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the goals of the Summit?

The goal of a Summit is for the invited participants to develop recommendations and action plans toward enhancing and expanding efforts to address alcohol and other drug-related problems. Past state model drug laws summits have each resulted in 100 or more short and long-term recommendations and action plans related to legislation, policy, programmatic concerns, application issues, coordination, collaboration, and use of resources. Additionally, Summits frequently serve as catalysts for new innovative and multidisciplinary partnerships by bringing a variety of disciplines together. These collaborations often lead to the more economical use of existing state resources.

### Who will participate in the Summit?

NAMSDL works with its partners in a state to ensure that a wide variety of individuals participate the Summit. Elected officials, law enforcement, addiction treatment professionals, youth, coalition members, business leaders, prosecutors, state agency administrators, judges, faculty and staff from institutions of higher education, past recipients of alcohol and other drugs services, educators, corrections staff, prevention specialists, and college/university students are among the array of people NAMSDL engages in the Summit process. Participants come to the issue of drugs and alcohol from a variety of perspectives, including policy-making, management, case work, providing addiction treatment, receiving services, teaching and volunteering.

### What happens at a Summit?

Summits are *not* traditional conferences or workshops. Using NAMSDL's model state drug laws and related state statutes as a menu of options to consider, participants actively engage in facilitated planning sessions regarding drug and alcohol policies, state statutes, programs, treatment services, enforcement practices, educational efforts, prevention initiatives, and other specific aspects of addressing drugs and alcohol in their state.

Each Summit participant is assigned to a working group focused on a specific issue area related to drugs and alcohol. To the extent possible, the composition of each working group will reflect a variety of professions, experiences, and approaches to addressing drug and alcohol issues. While NAMSDL tries to accommodate everyone's first preference for their working group, we may assign you to your second or third choice in an effort to achieve this diversity of perspectives in each working group.

NAMSDL's team of facilitators and resource people guide working group participants through a five-step facilitated process, including an overview of the relevant model drug laws and related state statutes, that leads to a set of recommendations and action plans from each working-group. The five steps are: 1) acknowledging the state's *strengths and assets* in addressing drugs and alcohol, 2) determining the *gaps* that exist in current efforts to address these issues, 3) discussing the *problems* that occur as a result of these gaps, 4) formulating *recommendations* for the state to address these problems, and finally 5) developing plans for *action and implementation* of the recommendations.

### Why are the work group facilitators and resource people from out of state?

Because they are not directly involved in your state's current efforts to address drug and alcohol problems, NAMSDL facilitators and resource people can serve as objective sounding boards and recorders for your ideas, questions, and honest assessments of existing laws, policies, and programs. NAMSDL hopes that these "outside" discussion leaders will create safe environments that allow each working group to think critically, debate, strategize, and plan for action.

In addition to being objective facilitators and resources, NAMSDL team members often bring the most current national information and updates on other states' efforts on the issue areas presented. By utilizing this team's knowledge and expertise, Summit participants often save their own time in researching and make more informed decisions based on working group discussions.

### What happens after the Summit?

NAMSDL will compile all of the participant recommendations and action plans into a report and distribute it to the state's elected officials, its Congressional delegation, state agency leaders, and all Summit participants to serve as a blueprint for moving forward. Additionally, states should designate individuals, agencies, or coordinating council to oversee the state's follow-up on the recommendations. A number of states still use Summit recommendations and action plans as their long-term guide for alcohol and other drug efforts. NAMSDL will also keep your state apprised of our efforts in other states and at the national level that relate to the goals of your state's efforts.

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Registration must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on August 26, 2005.** There is ***no*** registration fee.

Please type or print clearly, using one form per registrant.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position\_\_\_\_\_

Organization/Agency\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ Fax\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

**ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE, PLEASE INDICATE IN WHICH WORKING GROUP YOU WOULD PREFER TO PARTICIPATE.**

**Please fax or mail a completed registration form to:** National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws, Attention: Rebecca Rose, State & Federal Liaison, 700 North Fairfax Street, Suite 550, Alexandria, VA 22314, FAX (703) 836-7495. If you have special medical dietary needs or ADA requirements, please contact us so we can be responsive to your needs.

If you have any questions or require additional information,  
please contact Rebecca Rose, State & Federal Liaison at (703) 836-6100, x21.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO FAX OR MAIL BOTH PAGES OF  
THE REGISTRATION FORM.**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

During the Washington Summit, you will participate in a working group (*see the explanation of the summit working groups included on the draft agenda, as well as the enclosed "FAQ", for details*).

Please list your top three choices, with "1" being your first preference, "2" your second, and "3" your third. We will make every effort to accommodate your first choice. However due to the need to create representative groups of manageable size for hands-on work, we may need to place you in an alternative choice.

**WASHINGTON SUMMIT WORKING GROUPS****PREFERENCE****WORKING GROUP 1**

Community Activism - Defining Common Concerns -  
Action Steps to Free Neighborhoods from Drugs, Alcohol and Violence

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**WORKING GROUP 2**

Methamphetamine - Drug Endangered Children, Precursor Chemicals,  
Cleanup and Remediation of Labs: Addressing the Issues  
through Laws, Policies, and Programs

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**WORKING GROUP 3**

A Continuum of Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services:  
Access to Addiction Treatment in the Public and Private Sectors

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**WORKING GROUP 4**

Safer and More Cost Effective Public and Private Workplaces:  
Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse

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**WORKING GROUP 5**

Opportunities for Education, Prevention and Intervention Services:  
Focus on Elementary, Junior High, and High School

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**WORKING GROUP 6**

Addressing Underage Access to Alcohol and Tobacco,  
Underage Drinking, Campus Concerns, and Related Issues

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**WORKING GROUP 7**

Truants, Gangs, Children Out of School, and Youth in the  
Criminal Justice System

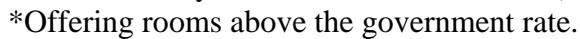
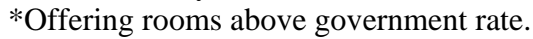
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There will be resource area in which offices, agencies, and organizations may display and/or distribute their materials (**NO VENDORS**). **Please check the box below if you are interested in reserving space in the resource area (there is no fee to participate):**

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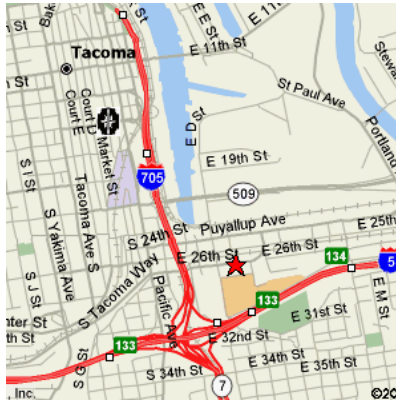
- \*Offering rooms above government rate.



**4. Hotel at the Dome** (.89 miles away from the Convention Center)

2611 East East Street, Tacoma, WA (253) 572-7272

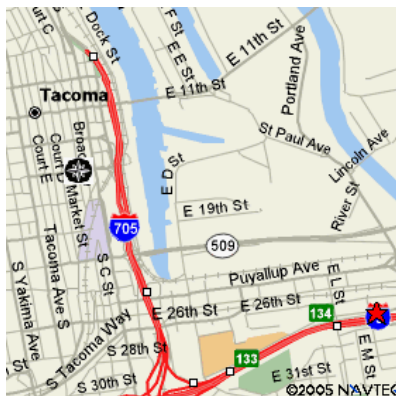
\* Rate: \$52.00 plus tax. Reserve by September 6, 2005. Request rooms under the “Drug Policy Summit.” This is an older hotel with few amenities. It is located one block from the Tacoma Dome Link station with free light rail transportation to the Convention Center.



**5. La Quinta Inn** (1.38 miles from the Convention Center)

1425 E 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA (253) 383-0146

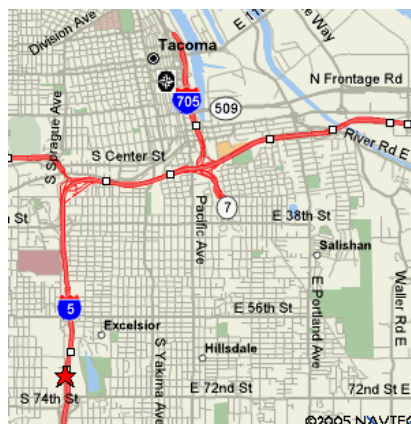
\*Conference/Government Rate: \$79.00 plus tax. Reserve by August 7, 2005. Request rooms under the “Drug Policy Summit.”



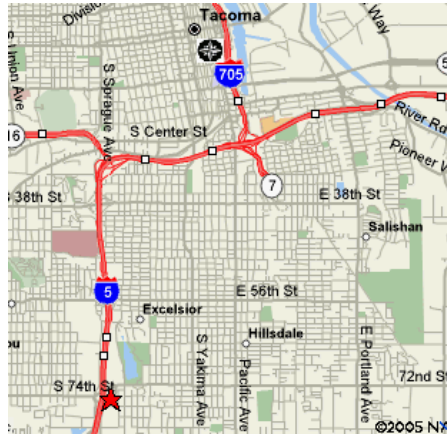
**6. Days Inn** (3.86 miles from the Convention Center)

6802 Tacoma Mall Blvd., Tacoma, WA (253) 475-5900

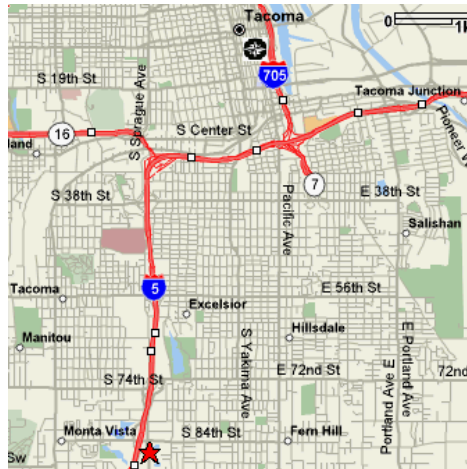
\*Rooms available at the government rate.



- 7. Shilo Inn** (4.18 miles away from the Convention Center)  
7414 South Hosmer Street, Tacoma, WA (253) 475-4020  
\*Offering rooms at the government rate.



- 8. Comfort Inn** (4.97 miles away from the Convention Center)  
8620 South Hosmer Street, Tacoma, WA (253) 538-7998  
\*Offering rooms at the government rate.



*Special thanks to the Washington Department of  
Community, Trade & Economic Development  
for compiling this list.*

## **BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MODEL STATE DRUG LAWS**

**The National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDL)** is a resource for governors, state legislators, attorneys general, drug and alcohol professionals, community leaders, the recovering community, and others striving for comprehensive and effective state drug and alcohol laws, policies, and programs. We draft, research, and analyze model drug and alcohol laws and related state statutes, provide access to our nationwide network of drug and alcohol experts, and facilitate working relationships among state and community leaders and drug and alcohol professionals.

NAMSDL is the successor of the President's Commission on Model State Drug Laws. Funded by Congressional appropriations since fiscal year 1995, NAMSDL is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, bipartisan organization.

To date, NAMSDL has held 22 state model drug laws summits. These events typically bring together over 60 categories of elected and appointed officials, drug and alcohol abuse professionals, law enforcement, past consumers of services, youth, and community leaders to generate action plans for implementing their recommendations for enhancing efforts to address alcohol and other drug-related problems through laws, policies, and programs. Summits result in 100 or more short and long-term recommendations and action steps for their implementation related to legislation, policy, programmatic concerns, application issues, coordination, collaboration, and use of resources. Prior to these statewide events, NAMSDL gathers information from state partners and other contacts in the host state about current efforts, completed assessments, and planning activities to ensure that summits build upon states' strengths and work to date rather than "reinventing the wheel." A report of recommendations and actions steps crafted by Summit participants is prepared and distributed by NAMSDL after every Summit.

The Washington Summit on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues will be the 23<sup>rd</sup> statewide event hosted by NAMSDL. For more information about the organization, please visit our Web site at **[www.natlalliance.org](http://www.natlalliance.org)**

The Web site includes:

- History of NAMSDL
- Mission and goals
- 44 model laws and their related policy statements and highlights
- How states have worked with NAMSDL, including outcomes attributed to the Summits
- Legislative and policy resources regarding key issues